

A DEAD DRIVER HELD THE REINS.

Policeman Mulcox's Discovery in Jersey City Early Yesterday Morning.

Horses Galloping Through the Streets While Joseph Viegler Sat Stiffly Upon the Box.

DIED ON THE WAY FROM NEWARK.

The Policeman Thought He Was Asleep Until He Saw the Fixed Look in the Wide-Open Eyes—A Victim of Heart Disease.

Joseph Viegler, driver for Ballantine & Co., the Newark brewers, died of heart disease yesterday morning while driving through Jersey City. His dead hands still clutched the reins, and the horses trotted along through the streets. The wagon careened from side to side.

Officer Mulcox saw the wagon rattling down West Side avenue about 6:30 o'clock. The horses were going at a rapid pace. Policemen were compelled to dodge the animals, and drivers of other vehicles turned aside to give the brewery wagon the right of way.

Many wagons enter Jersey City through West Side avenue. The drivers leave Newark early in the morning and frequently fall asleep on the way. Mulcox has awakened scores of slumbering drivers.

He thought Viegler was asleep and stationed himself in the center of the street to stop the horses. The wagon was on the down grade and the team increased its speed as it approached. Mulcox had to lunge out of the way.

As the wagon sped by him he shouted to the driver to halt. No attention was paid to the order.

Mulcox noticed that the driver sat stiffly in his seat and was staring straight ahead. This made him think something was wrong. He ran after the wagon and stopped the horses.

"Hi, there!" shouted Mulcox to the driver. "What do you mean by driving at such a rapid pace through the streets?"

Receiving no reply he climbed to the seat, and, grabbing the driver by the shoulder, shook him. Then he discovered that the man was dead.

The policeman mounted the wagon and drove it to the police station and the brewing company was notified.

Viegler was married and lived at No. 42 Bowers street, Newark. He was forty-five years old. He left the brewery shortly after one o'clock yesterday morning.

The body was removed to the morgue, and yesterday afternoon was examined by the County Physician, who said Viegler had died of heart disease.

"A BELATED PICNIC."

Summer Frolic Cleverly Counterfeited by a Newark Society Girl—A Unique Entertainment.

Newark, N. J., March 11.—Miss Grace Edwards was the hostess last night at the most unique entertainment given here this season. It was called "A Belated Picnic," and was given in the Edwards house, No. 78 Sixth street.

Throughout the house were placed bouquets of trees, large plants in pots and small blossoms peeping through artificial moss and stage settings. The young women appeared in garments that smacked of the campfire and recalled the triumphs of last summer at oceans and mountain resorts, while the men wore flannels, tan shoes and straw hats.

The storm raged outside, but inside all was suggestive of August days. The men drew water from the kitchen tap, and the women spread table cloths on the green floors and set out the contents of their baskets with as much enjoyment as though the "picnic" was held in a leafy grove.

As each basket was brought into the house a ribbon was attached to its handle, and as each man entered he received a bit of silken ribbon and by matching the different colors the party was happily paired. Among those present were Miss Eagles, Miss Pearl Parkhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sayre, George Hunt, H. H. Van Rensselaer, Miss Mona May, Mrs. George Cannon, Mr. Eagles, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Crane.

TO FORM GIRLS' CLUBS.

Members of the Jewish Women's Council are Active in Newark.

Newark, N. J., March 11.—Members of the Newark branch of the National Council of Jewish Women are organizing a Working Girls' Club, for the benefit of factory and shop girls of their own persuasion.

The committee appointed by the Newark branch comprises Miss Beatrice Maybaum, the daughter of Levy Maybaum, a prominent lawyer; Miss Kusy, Miss J. Marx, Miss A. Leuch and Miss Ida Loewer. The young ladies invited a number of working girls to be present at a meeting in Miss Kusy's home, which was held last night, which the idea of a club was received fully justified the hopes of the fair promoters. The Ladies Literary Club, which has its rooms on Tenth street, will probably offer the ladies a part of its house. Classes will be formed for teaching dressmaking, millinery, stenography, typewriting and book-keeping. A large number of prominent Hebrews have indicated their intention to stand by the women of the National Council.

Steamships Delay Ferry Honts.

Hoboken, N. J., March 11.—The Hoboken Ferry Company has written to the White Star Steamship Company, complaining against the company's steamers obstructing the ferry slips at Hoboken. While the steamer Majestic was making her dock on her last trip she lay across the slips of the ferry company from 6:20 p. m. to 9:20 p. m., thus delaying the ferry boats three hours.

The Leading Auctioneers Advertise Their Sales IN The Journal.

Freight Cannot Be Carried by Trolley.

Trenton, N. J., March 11.—Anti-consolidationists from Kearny, Harrison and the borough of East Newark were here in force today before the House Municipal Corporations Committee. The scheme was characterized as means adopted by Kearny township to increase its financial status by consolidating with a much richer portion of Hudson County. The Harrisonians ask only to be let alone and not forced into a consolidation that would increase their tax rate by creating extra municipal officers at extra expense.

Assemblyman Allen, Democrat, firing of the dilatory action of the Municipal Corporations Committee in reporting his Anti-Trust bill, has asked that it be relieved of any further consideration of it. He doubtless places more confidence in the Judiciary Committee, as he asked that it be placed in the hands of that body. Of course his request for withdrawal was not complied with.

The Legislative Board of Railroad Employees, representing all engaged in the steam railroad service in this State, has been here for several days, pressing for the passage of Assembly bill No. 302, which prohibits trolley corporations from carrying freight on their lines. The bill is now in its original shape, after having been amended so as to allow of this freight, provided the trolley companies obtained the consent of the owners of at least one-half of the lineal feet in frontage on any street or road upon which trolley lines are now or hereafter will be located. This proviso has been stricken out and the bill prohibits the use of such lines for freight carrying purposes. The steam railroad men claim that should this privilege be granted the trolley companies their wages will be reduced.

After a lapse of eight weeks the Central Labor Union of Camden has passed resolutions denouncing the action of Speaker DeCoursey in snubbing Bullock, the Independent-Republican-Democratic-Labor Assemblyman from Passaic County, by not placing him on the Committee on Labor and Industries. This body has decided that until the wrong done Bullock is righted it will do all in its power "to defeat DeCoursey's future political aspirations or desires."

Essex County's Board of Freeholders is by no means a unit in support of Assemblyman's Roll's Trolley bill, conferring supreme right on boards of freeholders in granting trolley franchises, thus taking that privilege from the local governing bodies. Direct McGowan is unconditionally opposed to this movement, as are also Messrs. T. Madison, Condit, Medcraft, Atchison, Clark, Elliot, Stagg, Van Rensselaer, Clark, Elliot, Stagg, Van Rensselaer, Clark, Elliot, Stagg, Van Rensselaer, who constitute one-third of the Board.

In the joint session this morning upward of 500 Commissioners of Deeds in the various counties were appointed. The majority of these appointments are real estate men, who are thus enabled to take acknowledgments to deeds and save themselves lawyers' fees and considerable bother.

In some of the counties—Salem and Atlantic, for instance—where yesterday's township elections did not go exactly as slated, these commissioners were "held up" until next Wednesday, when other names in lieu of recalcitrant workers will be presented for confirmation.

That prohibitory bill emanating from Senator Rogers, requiring twelve signers to every application for a saloon or tavern license, was effectively scotched this morning. It was reported from the committee and on motion of Senator Daly immediately recommitted. Rogers was very indignant at this so-called lack of courtesy, but his protest was of no avail. This bill is looked upon as one of the most vicious from a political point of view—that has appeared at this session.

Hon. Abram S. Hewitt was here today leading up the Senators with his sophistries concerning the passage of the bill ratifying the lease of the Greenwood Lake Railway Company to the Erie road. He succeeded in having it brought up, with an amendment striking out the name of the Erie wherever it occurs in the bill, and passed to second reading. An hour later it was rushed up to a third reading, engrossed and made ready for final passage in an incredibly short time.

Sensor Daly made a bitter attack on the measure, and pictured how the Erie monopoly had overridden the people of Jersey City, had proved for years a menace to the life and limb of every one of the citizens of that place. His contrast of Mr. Hewitt's labors for the bill and lack of effort to bring about a track elevation agreement with the Erie road was a scorching arraignment of the methods used in carrying this bill through the Legislature. Senator Voorhees protested against what he called "crowding the mourners," in rushing the bill through in this manner. He did not, however, exhibit any special desire to have the bill defeated, making the statement that he believed this would not balk the plan to bring the Erie to terms. He had been assured that it would not militate against the eventual elevation of the Erie to the Erie and that that account was willing to vote early. Considerable surprise was expressed by his mild back-down, and the acknowledgment that he might have been too trusting. The vote resulted in the passage of the act by 16 yeas and 1 nay, cast by Senator Daly. Lobbyist "Jim" Allen was not to be seen on the Senate side when the discussion was in progress, but immediately appeared on the announcement of the vote in a most happy frame of mind.

To circumvent the Sunday "blue laws" of New Jersey, the barbers of Newark and Jersey City have had a bill passed permitting them to keep their shops open until noon on Sundays. Those failing to close at that time are liable to a fine of \$25 for each offence. The law only becomes active in localities where the governing boards pass a permissive ordinance. The bill is intended as a protective measure against a class of barbers who, in the language of a supporter of the bill, "work day and night, eight days in the week."

The railroad bill was passed at the afternoon session, after Skinner, Reed, and Quinn had spoken in its favor, and Lower, Root and Bennett in opposition, the latter declaring that any one who voted for it "dug his political grave."

Hanged with His Suspenders. New Brunswick, N. J., March 11.—George Pitkow, aged thirty-seven years, committed suicide last night by hanging himself with his suspenders. He was a Hungarian and was employed in the gravel pits at Bon-Haven, near Passaic. The bill is now in its original shape, after having been amended so as to allow of this freight, provided the trolley companies obtained the consent of the owners of at least one-half of the lineal feet in frontage on any street or road upon which trolley lines are now or hereafter will be located. This proviso has been stricken out and the bill prohibits the use of such lines for freight carrying purposes. The steam railroad men claim that should this privilege be granted the trolley companies their wages will be reduced.

AN UP-TO-DATE SPINSTER.

Miss Fowler, 72 Years Old, Wears Bloomers and Has Taken a Fancy to the Bicycle.

She Tills Her Farm and Believes That Taxation Without Representation Is Robbery.

SHE IS NOT AGAINST MARRIAGE.

Many Amusing Episodes During Her Career as a Pioneer of Dress Reform—Mobbed and Arrested in Baltimore During the War.

Vineland, N. J., March 11.—Miss Susan P. Fowler, a gray-haired spinster of seventy-two summers, never pays her taxes without protesting. Every year when her taxes become due she publishes a letter of protest in the local paper and writes another to the collector. Miss Fowler has just paid her taxes and this is the letter she gave to Collector W. C. Hendee: "Taxation without representation is robbery, and although the mills of justice may seem to grind very slowly at times, yet a country that persists in oppressing its mothers, sisters and wives will some time learn that it has built on a sandy foundation."

Miss Fowler came to Vineland thirty years ago a pioneer settler, and for many years her life was beset with persecutions. Small boys followed her about the streets

and hurled stones. Trainmen greeted her with shrill blasts of the locomotive whistle and worked her from the tops of houses. Descended from New-England Puritan stock, Miss Fowler was born in Amesbury, Mass. In her early days she was a handsome belle of the town and relates many a happy talk with the poet Whitier. She was also acquainted with Longfellow. Miss Fowler taught school for awhile, and at the age of twenty-eight put on the bloomer costume.

After adopting the bloomer suit she became a merchant at Amesbury. At the beginning of the war Miss Fowler happened to go through Baltimore when the Massachusetts regiments passed through that city, and her peculiarity of dress, entirely new in that country, led the people to believe her a daughter of a regiment. The feeling against her consequently ran high. An angry mob followed her through the streets, and the police saved her from serious injury by locking her up. Miss Fowler wrote to the poet Whitier, who by writing to the Chief of Police of Baltimore, secured her freedom, and she was conveyed from the jail in a carriage guarded by policemen.

SHB IS A GOOD ACTRESS. Miss Fowler is quite prominent behind the footlights, and is an actress of no mean parts. Some time ago in a play gotten up by Vineland women Miss Fowler took the character of an ultra-fashionable lady. When she appeared on the stage in her décolleté dress with shiny lacy, balloon sleeves and long train, the audience went wild. Miss Fowler claims she was voted by the audience as being the handsomest actress that ever appeared in the Vineland Opera House. It is not an uncommon thing to see a Vineland youth with a forced sedate expression and a twinkle in his eye enter the market, approach Miss Fowler's stall and quietly say, "Mistah, how do you sell your tups and cabbage?" Ignoring the rudeness of the youth, Miss Fowler always politely answers.

On a visit to Miss Fowler she was found in her study busily writing. She wore a coarse muslin waist and her corduroy trousers were stuffed into the tops of a pair of man's high boots. Around and about her room were various articles of books and magazines of all descriptions. She cordially received her visitor, who after a brief talk asked:

NO USE FOR A HUSBAND. "Do you think your style of dress has been an obstacle to your having offers of marriage?"

"Well, that brings to mind a good many amusing episodes in my life. In travelling I have had some very interesting conversations with strangers on board the cars. One man, after discussing various matters with me, discovered that I wore a short dress; then the conversation turned, and he asked if I had a husband. I said: 'No, husbands do not often possess the moral courage to sustain their wives in carrying unpopular reforms.' 'Well,' he says, 'you can't get married if you wear that dress—then there'll be Tom, Dick and Harry that you must otherwise have had.' 'Very well,' I replied, 'I shall wear it, then, in self defence, so that Tom, Dick and Harry may not.'"

Notwithstanding her advanced age, Miss Fowler has, now that dress reform has advanced, decided to give up the farmer's life and return to her former literary work, that of writing for magazines and periodicals.

For a livelihood Miss Fowler at present tills her little farm of five acres near the corner of Chestnut and Main avenues. She is still hale and hearty, plows and harrows and does all the work about the place as deftly as any man and with her produce stands regularly in her stall in the market place. Miss Fowler is fond of horses and nearly every day she is seen in her yellow phaeton, driving through town behind her bay trotter. Lately, however, Miss Fowler has taken a fancy to bicycles. She says she will buy one in the Spring.

Missing from Bloomfield. Bloomfield, N. J., March 11.—Gustave Sachs, a boarder at Richard Strassburg's hotel, at Watervliet, near this place, has been missing since Sunday. The police have been unable to locate him.

TRUSTEE MILLER OUSTED.

Expelled at a Secret Meeting of the West Hoboken Board of Education.

His Fellow Members Refuse to Speak of the Cause of Their Action in the Matter.

HE SAYS HE IS NOT ALONE.

Others Are Involved in the Trouble, Which Grew Out of Teacher Brown's Charges. Miller Says He Is Singled Out for Political Reasons.

The West Hoboken Board of Education, at a secret meeting held Tuesday night, expelled one of the trustees, Henry W. Miller. No reasons are given by the trustees for their action. The meeting Tuesday night was a special one, called, as the notices read, "for the purpose of taking action upon the exposure concerning H. W. Miller." Neither Mr. Miller nor Trustee Meyers was present.

This resolution was adopted, without a dissenting vote, at a late hour: "Whereas, We find that Henry W. Miller, a member of this Board, has been guilty of certain actions prejudicial to the integrity of the Board and to the interests of the schools of the town; and

"Whereas, The members of this Board desire to express themselves as severely condemning such conduct, and feel unable to have any further dealings with him as a member of this Board; and

"Whereas, Mr. Miller was notified to attend this meeting, and has failed to do so; be it therefore

"Resolved, That this Board expel Mr. Miller from the Board and declare his seat vacant."

Mr. Miller, when seen yesterday, said: "My reason for not attending the meeting was because I considered the notice too short. Besides, I had previously received notice to be present at a meeting of the Board, to be held on March 15. The

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MANY DEMOCRATIC GAINS.

The Spring Elections in the Townships of New Jersey Result in Surprises.

Republicans Win in Some of the Larger Towns, but Their Opponents Show Unexpected Strength.

PROHIBITIONIST IN FLEMINGTON.

Cape May Divided, a Democratic Walkover in Woodbridge and a Red-Hot Fight in Summit—Englewood to Be a City.

The result of the Spring elections in the different townships of New Jersey Tuesday was not known until a very late hour. In Atlantic City the Republican ticket, with the single exception of the Third Ward, where George Chinn, Democrat, defeated Councilman Samuel B. Rose for reelection owing to a factional fight between the Republicans, was successful. Mayor Franklin P. Stoy was re-elected, as were Recorder Robert H. Ingersoll, Alderman James D. Southwick, Tax Collector Carlton Godfrey, Treasurer John A. Jeffries, Marshal C. L. Fort and Overseer of the Poor Robert Dunlavy.

In Cape May the offices were about equally divided, while E. T. Hewitt, Republican, was elected Mayor of Angelsea. Walter G. Wilson was elected Mayor of Riverton on a Progressive Improvement ticket. In Moorestown the Republicans elected all but two of the township officers. Bridgeton went heavily Republican, and in Sea Isle City John G. Wortz was elected Mayor by 50 majority, defeating T. E. Latham. Wortz ran on a Reform ticket.

In Toms River there was no Democratic ticket and the Republicans were unopposed. In Woodbury the entire Republican ticket was successful. With William N. Plerson for Mayor, the Democrats won Monmouth from the Republicans, although but a slight vote was polled.

At 72 YEARS OF AGE

Miss Susan Pecker Fowler.

The seventy-two-year-old spinster, of Vineland, N. J., who wears bloomers and tills her own farm. She does not believe in taxation without representation. She is an advocate of woman suffrage.

charges do not involve me alone. There are others besides me involved. I am only indirectly connected with it by reason of my being chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries. Certain members of the Board are hounding me for political reasons. Had the Board given me more time I might have given a satisfactory explanation. As the case now stands, there is nothing left for me to do but to appear before the Board at its meeting on the 16th inst. and tell all I know about the matter. I believe I will then be able to make a satisfactory explanation and clear myself. Further than this I have nothing to say."

Mr. Miller, as chairman of the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, had full charge of appointing teachers. He recommended the appointment of E. B. Brown as teacher when the commercial class was formed. Shortly after Brown had begun to teach it was found that he had no certificate and it was determined to dismiss him should he fail to obtain one. Trustee Miller, however, defended Brown and he was retained.

Superintendent Principal Waters subsequently charged Brown with refusing to obey orders. Before he could be disciplined Brown resigned. He was present when his resignation was accepted and afterward spoke in a manner reflecting on Trustee Miller.

MONTCLAIR'S BOY THIEF.

A Colored Lad Under Arrest Boasts of His Many Offenses.

Montclair, N. J., March 11.—Charles Baker, a young colored boy of this place, is a prisoner at the police station, a confessed thief. The lad was caught stealing chickens on the property of William W. Underhill, on Eagle Rock avenue, and brought to the police station by a son of Mr. Underhill and the coachman, who had suspected the lad for some time.

He confessed to Chief Pier that he had been robbing barns and henhouses for several weeks. The young prisoner also said he had two accomplices, and they will be arrested in a day or two.

Young Baker took great pride in telling that he had stolen sets of harness, garden utensils and other property, which he disposed of to Italians for a mere song. Recorder Morris committed him to jail to await the action of the Special Sessions.

Dead Soldier Identified.

The body of the soldier who was killed Monday by a locomotive at the Pennsylvania Railroad Depot in Jersey City was identified yesterday at the morgue. He was Albert J. Hunt, a member of Company F, Second Battery of the United States Army, which is stationed at Fort Schuyler.

PROTEST AGAINST THE ROAD BILL.

New Jersey Taxpayers Want the Original Act to Remain Undisturbed.

The New Measure Would Put Back the Building of Good Roads Half a Century.

WHEELMEN PRESENT THEIR VIEWS.

They Are Property Owners and Resent the Killing of the Act That Made Good Roads in the State Possible. Speakers Make Accusations.

Trenton, March 11.—A large delegation of persons from all portions of the State assembled in the Senate this afternoon to protest against Assembly bill No. 125, which provides that the mandatory clause in the State Road Act be stricken out and the local boards of Freeholders given discretionary power to grant the right to build roads.

E. J. Harrison, Secretary of the New Jersey Good Roads Association, spoke against the enactment of this proposed amendment. It would put back the building of good roads half a century. New Jersey's roads had become noted all over the United States, and in many instances its methods were being patterned after by road boards and commissioners.

Clayton Crow, president of this association, argued that it took one hundred years to get to the point of perfection in road building that this State had reached. Under the old township system it was impossible to get up-to-date highways. He instanced a case where a petition was presented to the Burlington County officials, who peremptorily refused it, and it became necessary to secure a mandamus from the Supreme Court, which had the effect of making many converts to the cause of good roads.

James S. Holmes, representing the New Jersey division of the L. A. W., was a strong advocate of the defeat of the Assembly measure and also that introduced by Senator Johnson, which requires that the townships pay twenty-five per cent of the cost of constructing such roads. From fifty to sixty per cent of the wheelmen in New Jersey were real estate owners, and were unanimously opposed to this summary killing of an act that had reflected so much credit on the men who had passed it and placed this State pre-eminently above all others in the matter of good roads.

Several other gentlemen entered their protests, not only for themselves, but also for thousands of believers in modern methods of road building.

Assemblyman Wildes made a long speech in favor of the bill, qualifying his remarks by the statement that perhaps the acts might be too radical in some minor respects. The mandatory clause in the present law was a hardship on the farmers throughout the whole State, and the majority of them demanded its repeal. He hotly denied Mr. Holmes's statement that the wheelmen were in favor of the law, and went on to state that last year Holmes had attempted to defeat his "wilderness" road amendment by circulating letters sent from the Waldorf and many other "high-toned" hostilities in New York City by men who only slept in New Jersey and seemed to be even ashamed of that fact.

Queen, of Hudson, suggested the almost impossible scheme of turning out freeholders who were stubborn in their attempts to block road construction that the people wanted. Assemblyman Lloyd, Job S. Haines and several other gentlemen argued in favor of the Assembly bill, but the consensus of opinion was against Senator Johnson's act. For a few minutes the meeting threatened to break up in a row, accusations of all kinds being bandied about. Senator Daly was an interested listener and seemed inclined to think that the existing road act did not give the people's representatives—the Freeholders—sufficient latitude.

Doubtless the first mentioned bill will be reported favorably and the opposition will then oppose its passage in the Senate. The Johnson bill will be reported adversely, having but few supporters.

FENDER SAVED HIS LIFE.

A Bloomfield Boy Thrown Ten Feet by a Trolley Car and Badly Bruised.

Bloomfield, N. J., March 11.—Dayton Haigt, a young school boy of this place, was crossing Bloomfield avenue, yesterday, when he was struck by a westbound trolley car which was coming down the Berkeley hill at the rate of twenty miles an hour.

The little fellow was tossed in the air about ten feet and fell on the fender, badly cutting his forehead and face, while one of his legs was badly bruised. His injuries are not serious.

There is an ordinance against such a high rate of speed. The father of the boy will sue the company.

A NEW \$8,000 TOWN HALL.

Belleville, N. J., to Have a Fine Building in the Near Future.

Belleville, N. J., March 11.—A large delegation of members from the societies, lodges and social organizations of this town held a conference at the home of J. J. Barrett last night.

The latter represents the capitalists who propose to build a new Town Hall. Plans for the proposed building, drawn by Architect Ten Eyck were approved.

The building will be three stories in height. The glassed front and the rear, having a large assembly hall. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

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